

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8, 10-16 and 19 are pending in this application. The Office Action makes an election of species requirement. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended; and claim 18 is cancelled. No new matter is added.

I. Election of Species Requirement

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect the Species of cathodic electrolysis, with traverse.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is hereby amended to remove the recitation of anodic electrolysis, and dependent claim 18 directed to anodic electrolysis is hereby cancelled. Accordingly, the Election of Species Requirement is moot.

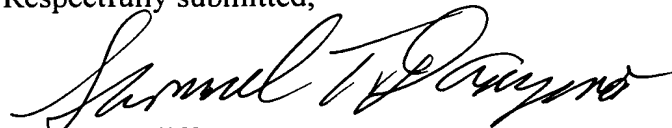
Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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